South Australian Social Worker of the Year Awards 2016

Terms and Conditions

General information

- Nominating social workers for the South Australian Social Worker of the Year Awards is open to direct employers, organisations and independent practitioners operating in the public, private or voluntary sectors, regardless of service user categories and size of organisation except where the Award Category title indicates otherwise.
- Members of the awards coordinating committee are not eligible to participate in the nominate process.
- Nominated Social Workers must be eligible for Membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). The AASW recognises the special place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians. We are committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social workers and communities.
- Submissions will only be accepted for the specified award categories.
- Nomination entry is free of charge.
- Nominees must be prepared to accept their award in person during the awards presentation (or identify a representative to attend on their behalf) and be willing for their names and images to be used for publicity purposes (cultural sensitivity will inform the application of this).
- All submitted entries will remain confidential and the property of SA Social Work Award / SA Branch. Names and contact details will not be shared with third parties.
- Upon submission of entry, nominees agree that SA Social Work Award / SA Branch may use information provided in the entry form for press purposes and published case studies. No confidential information will be shared or disclosed.
- The promoters are AASW - SA Branch and sponsors who are organisations and companies associated with the social work sector and the aims of the association.
- No purchase or contractual relationship with the promoter is necessary for eligibility to nominate or be nominated. All reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any conflicts of interest that might impact the selection and judging processes.
- AASW - SA Branch and the independent judging panel reserve the right to make decisions relating to any changes at any time through the Social Work Awards process.
- The latest version of these Terms & Conditions can be found on the AASW SA Social Work Awards webpages.

Awards Night presentation

- The gala awards celebration event will be held at the Sage Hotel on 19 May 2016.
The award prizes will consist of AASW Membership or equivalent in AASW SA CPD, a celebratory certificate and professional development cash contribution.

Finalists will receive an award certificate and may describe themselves as such for the category in their corporate literature.

Neither award finalists or winners may claim that their products or services are endorsed by AASW.

Nomination process

- All entrants must be eligible for membership with the AASW.
- Nominees may enter themselves into individual categories or they may be nominated by a third party who must include their contact details.
- Nominations must include two referees.
- Nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination form.
- A separate nomination form must be completed for each category entered.
- Submission of the nomination form indicates acceptance of these rules.
- Incomplete applications may be excluded from the final selection process.

Judging processes

- For each individual award category, a panel of independent judges will determine the final shortlist. Each panel will consist of a minimum three judges from across a variety of organisations (public, private and third sector). A full list of judges and their relevant categories will be available on the AASW SA Social Work Awards webpages.
- All judges are required to declare any conflicts of interest and will refrain from judging any entrants deemed to be of potential personal benefit. Should any conflicts arise, the judge shall remove themselves from the room during the judging process of that specific entrant.
- Assessment process: The finalists will be selected by independent judges using the following outlined criteria:
  - Assessment criteria will be based on supplied evidence in line with the award category definition and demonstrated commitment to and consistent application of AASW practice standards and Code of Ethics
  - All judges will provide a score for each entry; chosen finalists will be those with the highest scores received from the collective panel.
- The judges’ decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- No liability arising from nominating or being nominated for the SA Social Work Awards shall pertain to the promoters.
- The judging panel reserves the right to disqualify any entry which they consider, in their sole discretion, to be in breach of the awards criteria.
- Any nominee who has been subject to complaints, investigations or disciplinary action (past or present) (as determined by an employer or the AASW) shall be declared As such
upon application to the awards. This will not necessarily mean disqualification, but will be taken on an individual case and is at the discretion of the AASW SA and its judging partners.

- A nominator, whose nominee becomes subject to complaints, investigations or disciplinary action (by employer, the AASW or where relevant the police) following a nomination submission and leading up to the awards ceremony, will notify Social Work Awards Ltd immediately.

If you have any questions regarding your entry to the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards, you can contact our offices.

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